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NEAR EAST CRISIS.

OCCUPATION OF CHANAK.

KEMAL PASHA'S LATEST INTENTIONS.

LONDON, September 19.

The possible effect of the reported withdrawal of the French troops from Chanak, the key to the Straits, was discussed at a meeting of the Cabinet in the morning, again, reattended by the military, naval, and air force chiefs. The Government has not received from the French government any confirmation of the report of the withdrawal in regard to which the French press hopes Britain will follow the French example. No instruction has been issued for the withdrawal of the British troops at Chanak who on the contrary, are reported to be digging in, but according to the *Messenger* the Italian government has decided to withdraw the Italian contingent from the neutral zone to Constantinople. According to the *Petit Parisien*, Kemal Pasha has given an assurance that he will not attack the Dardanelles, but Paris transmits a statement attributed to Ferid Bey, the Kemalist representative in Paris, that the Kemalists intend to occupy Chanak and will not recognize any neutral zone on the Asiatic side of the Straits.

LONDON, September 19.

Ferid Bey added that the Kemalists recognized the Allied occupation of Constantinople and Gallipoli and once they occupied the Asiatic side were willing to forego at a peace table and guarantee the fullest freedom of the Straits with even an Allied garrison at Gallipoli.

JOHANNESBURG VOLUNTEERS KEEN.

JOHANNESBURG, September 19.

Numbers of men came forward to enlist in connection with the Near East crisis. The authorities were obliged to post a notice that hitherto recruiting was unauthorized.

OUR INDIAN TROOPS.

SIMLA, September 19.

The Mohammedan member gave notice of a motion in the Legislative Assembly for adjournment to discuss the Turkish situation, urging that Indian public opinion would demand that Indian troops should not be employed against the Turks and that those in the old Turkish Empire should be immediately withdrawn.

LEAGUE HELPING REFUGEES.

GENEVA, September 19.

The Council of the League voted Dr. Nansen 100,000 gold francs for preliminary relief of refugees from Anatolia.

BRITISH POLICY.

LONDON, September 19.

An official communiqué denies the newspaper statement that the semi-official declaration of policy in the Near East issued on Saturday is now regarded as taken by the Government. It emphasises that the declaration reported the decisions of the Cabinet on Friday and was issued with the approval of all the Ministers present. The London Cabinet is well satisfied with the support accorded the policy not only in Britain but also in the Dominions.

FRENCH ATTITUDE.

LONDON, September 19.

It is announced that the British Government has officially expressed to the French government its appreciation of the latter's attitude on the question of a joint notification to Kemal. The British government declares that it cordially welcomes M. Poincaré's assurances on this question, also the question of occupied zones, and hopes the spirit of these agreements and the spirit of co-operation shown will rule future discussions.

LEAGUE COMMISSION PROPOSED.

GENEVA, September 19.

An Assembly resolution has been submitted by the Persian delegation on behalf of the Turkish National Assembly asking the Council of the League of Nations in view of the painful events in the Near East and the mutual accusations of the belligerents as regards the fate of civilians immediately to send out a neutral commission to throw light on the events and ensure that no reprisals are made on the minorities in Thrace and Asia Minor.

EFFECT ON THE MARK.

LONDON, September 19.

Marks sharply recovered to 6,000 as a result of negotiations between the Bank of England and the Reichsbank. They subsequently reacted and closed at 6,600. This is attributed to the political deadlock in the Near East.

BURSA, September 19.

Marks opened at 6,125 and closed at 6,500 on the London Stock Exchange, showing the strength of the political outlook. It is considered speculative have further recovered.

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NEAR EAST CRISIS.

GOVERNMENT REALLY AVERSE FROM WAR.

LONDON, September 19.

Lord Curzon went to Paris in the afternoon. Lord Beatty is going to-day or to-morrow. It is understood the government is determined that the Kemal troops shall not be allowed to cross the Straits until peace terms are established and it is satisfied that this is preventable by naval action alone, though this does not dispose of the necessity for providing the maintenance of neutrality in the demilitarized zone on both sides of the Straits should events falsify their opinion with regard to naval sufficiency. As regards the report of the withdrawal of French troops from Chanak, official circles point out that as far as is known there are no French troops at Chanak. If there are any the number must be very small. It is emphasized that the government is most averse from war, and opines that the measures taken and proposed are eminently calculated to prevent a recurrence of war in the Near East.

ITALY IN IT.

ROME, September 19.

Signor Storza will attend the interview between Lord Curzon and M. Poincaré.

AUSTRALIA ENTHUSIASTIC.

MELBOURNE, September 19.

A meeting of the Federal Cabinet endorsed Mr. Hughes' action in offering troops for Gallipoli. Mr. Hughes in the House of Representatives reviewed the situation and added that he had considered it necessary to tell Lloyd George the Commonwealth would stand by Britain in defending the freedom of the Straits. Deputy Charlton urged that the House should not permit the despatch of troops without consulting the people. Meanwhile volunteers are enrolling throughout the country. A thousand men offered their services in Sydney yesterday. The number is likely to be exceeded to-day. The federal president of the Returned Soldiers' League assured Mr. Hughes of the abiding loyalty of the men who fought in the great war.

PARIS, September 19.

It is stated that about 2,000 French troops have been withdrawn from Chanak.

WELLINGTON, September 19.

Parliament unanimously confirmed the action of Mr. Massey in associating New Zealand with Britain in the developments in Near East and offering a contingent.

MELBOURNE, September 19.

Mr. Hughes told the House of Representatives that "while the situation is of grave possibilities we are not asked to do more than associate ourselves with the Imperial Government in its steps to maintain the freedom of the Straits and the neutral zone. We do not think we ought to go beyond assistance in maintaining the freedom of the Dardanelles."

The House finally passed a resolution that Mr. Hughes' statement should be printed.

CANADA WOULD BE SURE.

OTTAWA, September 19.

The Canadian Government is communicating with its delegates on the League of Nations to ascertain whether the Near East crisis is sufficiently serious to warrant calling a special session of parliament.

L.O.N. TO HELP REFUGEES.

GENEVA, September 19.

The Assembly unanimously adopted the report of the fifth commission on Nansen's plea for Greek and Armenian refugees from Constantinople, for the use of the organization and a donation of money.

DUTCH LINERS STOP.

LONDON, September 19.

The Dutch vessels "Deucalion" and "Stella" have left Smyrna with Dutch refugees. In view of the present situation the Royal Dutch Steamship Company has decided to suspend their service to Smyrna.

CANADA'S RESPONSE.

TORONTO, September 19.

Letters are pouring in to the War Veterans' Association volunteering for any Canadian contingent to the Dardanelles. Many have come from the United States. Reports show that thousands of volunteers applied at various centres throughout Canada.

KEMAL AND THRACE.

NEW YORK, September 19.

A message from Constantinople reports Mustafa Kemal has requested the Allies to permit his army to occupy Thrace in order to liberate the oppressed Moslem population. He is insisting that the Dardanelles question be discussed later with the participation in a conference of all the countries bordering the Black Sea. The Nationalist representative at the same time informed the British High Commissioner that under the treaty with Russia Angora would not be able to accept an invitation to a Dardanelles conference unless delegates from Russia and the Ukraine participated.

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The unending combat between criminals and the defenders of society has in recent years become a real scientific war. New discoveries are assimilated with amazing rapidity by the up-to-date criminal, and the policeman must keep "at the page" or confess himself impotent to protect or avenge.

In most countries there are more or less serious attempts to help the police to outdistance in knowledge and weapons the experts in crime. In France especially, police laboratories and schools are taken seriously. Of all the establishments of this sort with which the country is endowed the most famous and probably the most efficient is that of Lyons, where the brilliant Dr. Locard is in charge. Though still comparatively young, he is already well advanced in his life's ambition—to lay the bases for a coordinated and complete science of crime detection.

I am able to give a sketch of the main heads of what is likely in the near future—at any rate if the hopes of Dr. Locard be fulfilled—to become an exact science for the positive and unquestionable identification of handwriting, no matter how cleverly disguised. It may be recalled in this connection that it was Dr. Locard, by his expert examination of the anonymous letters of Tulle, in the "Tiger Eye Case," who finally solved the mystery, and brought the odiously clever and perverted young woman responsible to justice.

The principal classes of case which the handwriting expert is called on to solve are—

1. Erasure, or scratching.
2. Surcharge.
3. Forgery by tracing.
4. Freehand forgery.
5. Disguised writing.

The first two categories are nowadays largely matters of chemistry. Dr. Locard's principal work has been done on the last—class five.

1. ALTERATION OF A TEXT BY ERASURE.

When a document has been tampered with, either by indiarubber or with a penknife, the fact is revealed easily, either in looking through the page held up to the light or by soaking it in benzine. Benzine spreads in a circular manner in an untouched document, but when it arrives at a

point where the paper fibres are broken and the "size" injured its progress becomes irregular both in speed and in direction. This extremely simple means shows the spots which have been interfered with. It is then a matter of restoring the primitive text.

In the case of pencil-writing it is almost always possible to find out what was rubbed out, by photographing the back of the page in oblique light. The point of a pencil produces a groove which no rubbing can entirely efface.

In the case of ink it is more difficult. There are three systems. Betillon's system, which he called carburation, consists of making the paper very hot in an oven. This often works, but nearly always incompletely, and at the same time the document (often a precious piece of evidence) is ruined. In a case at Annecy—an affair of postal fraud—the expert, in using this method, entirely destroyed the only proof of the innocence of the accused.

Another method, more up to date, consists in the use of chemical means. This operation, however, demands a foreknowledge of the chemical nature of the ink used, often a difficult matter. Analysis of the ink of the context must first be done—a most difficult and delicate operation. The only technique extant of this operation is that (faulty) of Professor Fraser, which only applies to black inks.

The third method is by photography. This is called Fogel's method, and was invented by the Berlin scientist over fifty years ago in the following circumstances. A lady went to be photographed. While the plates were being developed it was discovered that many obscure blotches and spots covered the face. As the customer had a perfectly beautiful complexion the photographer asked her for another sitting. She did not reply, and it was later discovered that she had contracted smallpox, and that the faithful photographic plate had revealed the tell-tale eruption while she was as yet unaware that anything was wrong. Naturally with Fogel's method a special technique is required. Chromolith plates are used, and more commonly those sensitized by iodide of silver. Reiss had done even better than this, by successive photographs taken on after another in a long series, each new plate showing up a detail which was invisible on its predecessor. At the present day hardly any case of erasure, no matter how thoroughly done, is beyond the power of the expert to detect and to reconstruct the words eliminated.

II. ALTERATION BY SURCHARGE.
The original text may have been altered either by clever changes in the original numbers or letters or by new words superimposed after erasure. In the first case microphotography will show the joint between the alteration and the original.

The most difficult case is when it is claimed that a whole line or paragraph has been inserted after the original signature. This is a common fraud in France in cases concerning partnership deeds. In one such case microphotography showed clearly that the capital letter of the place of signature had its loop superimposed on the tail of the letter of the line complained of. Therefore the latter had been written first, and the complaint was not justified. But it is extremely difficult to say in many cases which is the first written, as even under microphotography the heaviest line looks the most recent. By photographing the passage, however, by oblique light such letters appear in the form of a cross, and it is easy to see which arm is continuous and thus the most recent. Chemical reactions are also useful in this class of problem.

III. FORGERY BY TRACING.

Here the expert should always win. Sometimes the forger places the paper and the copy on a retoucher's glass plate strongly lit from underneath. The faults revealed by microphotography consist of "quavers" or "tremblings," and points where the pen is lifted. The study of the former demands a knowledge of the abstruse art of "shakes" in handwriting. The expert must know the perfectly distinct varieties of such, and be able to distinguish the pathological tremblings, those due to epilepsy, neurasthenia, paralysis, &c. from those inseparable from the form of forgery. The forgers' "shakes" have a character of irregularity in extent, a development in the up-strokes, a thinning off in the down-strokes, a frequency of occurrence, and an exaggeration in the joints which are recognizable to the eye of the expert, according to the claim of Locard.

IV. FORGERY BY IMITATION.

There are two chief varieties of this, the work of the forger of the highest skill. Sometimes there is a slavish imitation of the model, and sometimes the forger, after having practiced imitation of the handwriting, makes a free imitation. The first class is usually tackled by a search for the "retouches." Many people have the habit of retouching their own signatures or writings either in order to make what they have written clearer, or from mere habit. The forger who is touching up a signature he has faked will naturally always seek in this to get nearer to the original, whereas the innocent retoucher will always make his correcting strokes at places where greater clearness is required. The forger retouches the best written letters; the other those which are worst.

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Mrs. Coles's mother was imprisoned in the pantry, but except for shock was unhurt. Mr. Coles, who was about to have his breakfast also escaped injury.

An interesting exchange of letters between the Shanghai branch of the Seamen's Union and the Complementary Seamen's Union is reported by the *Eastern Times*. The Seamen's Union wrote politely requesting payment of a levy on members' wages "as a reward for service rendered by this branch during the strike." The Complementary, in an equally polite manner, replied refusing the request. "We consider it a duty," they said, "to support your Union, but not to pay you a levy on three months' wages for services rendered."

On the other hand, the freehand imitation has few retouches. The most general thing in such cases is to resort to the delicate, long, and difficult method of "composite" photography. Fraser used this method with brilliant success in the case of the forged signatures of Washington. The composite photograph eliminating accidental traits of the signature in question results in a perfect "signature type" with which the supposed forgerhand

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" Chinese, — Sun Tze Koung	6	7
Ginger, fresh, — Lo Kung	6	10
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Horseradish, Shanghai, — Lik Hoo	60	7
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USEFUL KNITTED DRESSES FOR
CHILDREN.

SMART MILLINERY FOR
LADIES & CHILDREN.

A SPLENDID VARIETY OF
COSTUME TWEEDS, Etc.

LADIES' SHOES.

BIRTHS.

EITE.—On September 14, 1922, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Eite, of Hongkong a son.

GRIMBLE.—On August 1, 1922, at London, S.W. 8, to Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Grumble (late S.M.P.), a son.

DEATHS.

GORTON.—On September 1, 1922, on the R.M.S. "Empress of Australia," at sea, Herbert Maurice, husband of Beatrice Gorton, in his 42nd year.

GOLDMAN.—At Shanghai, after a protracted illness, Clara, wife of M. Goldman.

MOSS.—On September 4, 1922, at Tsingtau, Arthur Penrhyn Stanley Moss, youngest son of the late Charles Davis Moss, of Yokohama, and husband of Daphne Moss, aged 39 years.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20, 1922.

TO MORROW'S ECLIPSE.

Four thousand years ago there was a solar eclipse, the earliest noted in history. Ancient Chinese records report that the two states astronomers, Ho and Hi, were both very drunk. Consequently, they were unable to conduct the usual rites for frightening away the greedy dragon which was attempting to swallow the sun. This little indiscretion cost both astronomers their lives. Later history mentions many picturesque incidents resulting from eclipses. The Greeks record one in 685 B.C., which occurred during a battle in a sea which had been waging for some years between the Lydians and Medes. The sudden darkness stopped the fight, and the break in the conflict led to peace.

Another eclipse occurred in 491 B.C., the first year of the Peloponnesian War. The pilot of Pericles' ship was greatly frightened but the Athenian statesman, calmed him by holding a cloak before his eyes, saying that the only difference

between this and the eclipse was that something larger than the disk prevented his seeing the sun for the time being. Even now, in these days of general education, people are sometimes terrified by eclipses, with the death from fright of a woman in the United States only a few years ago.

Eclipses, however, are more important for their scientific interest than for their power to inspire terror among the ignorant. Were it not for the extraordinary coincidence which makes a solar eclipse just possible—the sun and moon being relatively so distanced as to look about the same size—man would never have gained much of the knowledge he now possesses about the sun. And now, were it not for this same coincidence totally hiding the sun's blaze for a few minutes (the longest possible period is eight minutes) over a track across the world never more than about 160 miles in width, it would have been impossible to make that test to-morrow which will finally confirm the greatest philosophical idea of the day—Einstein's famous theory of relativity.

Einstein's theory falls naturally into two parts—the earlier or "restricted" theory and the later or "generalized" theory. The first is based on the apparent inability of experimental physics to determine the earth's absolute velocity in space. It is easy to determine the earth's velocity relative to any other celestial body, but no celestial body can be regarded as fixed in space. The restricted theory was based upon the conjecture that the repeated failures to measure our velocity through the ether which was believed to permeate everything (the parts not moving relatively providing an absolute standard of rest) were rendered inevitable by a general principle in nature making it inherently impossible ever to determine the absolute velocity of the earth (or any other body) by any experimental means whatever. That, briefly, is how scientists state the theory for the uninitiated.

Another generalization explains that each observer sees certain optical phenomena take place as if he were at rest in the ether. He would therefore naturally infer that every other observer moving relatively to him was also moving relatively to the ether. Yet each of these observers (say, an observer on Mars), making the same experiments, would come to the conclusion that he was at rest in the ether, and all the others in motion. Thus each's parabolic observer conceives of space and time for his own purposes. Yet no observer can measure his own motion in space. The one quantity measurable by all observers and the same for all, whatever their motions may be, is the velocity of light as it passes from one material system to another. This velocity appears to be an absolute physical constant.

According to Einstein's theory, a ray of light which just grazed the sun's surface ought to show an apparent bending towards the sun. This prediction was tested at the total eclipse of the sun on May 29, 1919, when British astronomers who had gone to South America for the special purpose photographed the stars in the neighbourhood of the sun during the time of the eclipse. A few months later the same group of stars was photographed without the presence of the intervening sun. Comparison of the plates established the fact that a ray of light from a distant star passing near the sun's surface was deflected by an amount varying from 1'61 to 1'69, against Einstein's prediction of 1'74 and half that according to Newton's principles.

To-morrow's eclipse is expected to give conclusive proof that there is an essential relationship between light and gravitation. The belt over which the eclipse is total runs through the Maldives Islands, across Christmas Island, and across Australia from the north-west coast in a south westerly direction. This belt is only about 100 miles broad. For the past six months a British expedition, armed with extremely valuable instruments, has been making careful preparations on Christmas Island to secure four photographs during the three and a half minutes the eclipse will be total there. The telescopes will be driven by clockwork so as to follow the motion of the stars. This clockwork will be controlled by an ingenious electrical device which will reveal an irregularity of one-fourth of a second and enable it to be instantly corrected. There are also an expedition from India to the Maldives Islands, a combined Dutch and German one to Christmas Island, and an American one to the north-west coast of Australia.

These observations will be very important, because there is not another eclipse suitable for securing the same results for many years. How delicate is the work which must be accomplished within the few minutes that the eclipse will last is shown by the statement that for the star nearest the sun the actual displacement will not exceed one two thousandth part of an inch. The results, while they will have deep importance for the scientist and the philosopher, will not affect every day methods of thought, since Einstein's theory (as one critic has noted) involves extraordinary paradoxes whose enunciation sounds to our limited three-dimensional intelligences like utter nonsense.

The following instance of superstitious belief is reported from Japan. In the district of Oyama-machi the people became perturbed on account of the deaths of a number of the shopkeepers during recent months, and in consequence decided to ask fortune-tellers for the reason. The soothsayers informed them that all these deaths were caused by the spirit of a ginkgo tree in the district, which was angry because another ginkgo tree had been cut down. According to the story a ginkgo tree, of the male sex, stood on the property of a man named Soma. The female ginkgo tree standing in the compound of the macaroni shop, was surrounded by a small dammy residence. As time went on the male tree, which was accustomed to meeting the female tree clandestinely, was cut down to make room for the establishing of the Monopoly Bureau. The spirit of the tree rebelled and the deaths were its form of vengeance.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Canton school teachers threaten to strike.

General Chen Chiung-ming has left Canton for Hui-chow.

One case of enteric fever, Chinese, comprised yesterday's return of notifiable disease.

The Canton municipal authorities have issued orders for all matches in the city to be pulled down.

Viscount Burnham, proprietor of the Daily Telegraph, is said to contemplate a tour of the Far East soon.

The local manager of the Mercantile Bank of India Ltd. has received cabled advice that the Bank has declared an interim dividend of 8% less income tax.

Captain Farrell, the master of a steamer in the port, was found dead in his room in the Continental Hotel, Saigon, recently. Death was due to congestion of the brain.

Mr. H. G. Wells has been communicating to an American paper his views on the Earth's six greatest men. This is his list—Buddha, Asoka, Aristotle, Christ, Roger Bacon, Lincoln.

Major P. S. Tomlinson, M.S.O., R.A.M.C., has been appointed officer commanding the Military Hospital, Bowen Road, during the absence on leave of Major D. L. Harding, M.S.O., R.A.M.C.

Among the departures yesterday by the "Tango Maru" were Madame Lottie Gordon, Mr. P. M. Hodgson, Capt. and Mr. T. R. Shearer, Mr. A. L. Pinkerton, Mrs. A. Commons, and Capt. C. A. Madden.

The extension of the Helena May Institute will be open for inspection to-morrow, Thursday, September 21st, from 4.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. The Council invite Members and their friends. Tea will be served.

It is rumored that the Italian cruiser "Calabria," which was on her way to Singapore, has been diverted from her route, and is to proceed from Colombo to Smyrna, owing to the trouble in Asia Minor between the Greeks and Turks.

Mr. L. A. Davis, who during the war was an officer in the Welsh Guards, has arrived in Shanghai in the course of a tour round the world. He is contemplating undertaking an extensive walking tour in the interior of China.

The Siam Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., shows a profit of Rs. 32,601.89 on its working account for the six months ending June 30. The amount carried forward to the remaining half of the year is Rs. 47,957.25. The depreciation on steamers for the six months was reckoned at 3 1/3 per cent.

The rate of exchange at which contributions to the Indian Civil Service and Indian Military Service Family Pension Funds, and the Indian Military Widows' and Orphans' Funds are recoverable during the current month is 1s 3d to the rupee. The rate also applies to the payment of leave salaries, pensions and annuities fixed in sterling.

A cat was electrocuted in a garden in the French Concession last week. As a result of the previous night's storm an electric wire had been blown down, and it came into the path of progress taken by the feline while making its morning stroll in the garden. The cat rubbed itself against several tree trunks, and seeing the broken wire rubbed itself for a last time.

A verdict of "guilty" was returned this morning by the jury in the case in which two Chinese were charged with having been in possession of a coiner's plant on an island outside Lyemun. The defense was that they went to the island merely on a visit and that the machinery belonged to the keeper of a temple there. Each of the men was sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

Judgment has been given by the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies K.C.) in the Penang will case, involving many millions of dollars, which has been before the local Supreme Court at intervals since last December. The executors of the estate of a Penang Chinese were sued by a young man who claimed to be one of the sons of the testator. The plaintiffs declared that the son in question died as a child. His Lordship has decided in favour of the executors and is to deliver a written judgment after the legal vacation. The late Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., and Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C. (instructed by Messrs. G. R. Hall, Bratton & Co.) appeared for the plaintiffs. Mr. Eldon Foster, with him Mr. F. O. Joslin (instructed by Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon & Harston) defended.

PRISON ESCAPE.

DARING DAYLIGHT FEAT.

5-FOOT LEAP ACROSS LANE.

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FUNERAL.

LATE MR. J. D. LOGAN.

The funeral of the late Mr. James Douglas Logan, of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, whose death at the advanced age of 79 years was reported yesterday, took place at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, in the evening, with full military honours, in the presence of a large gathering of sorrowing friends.

Mr. Colin Logan, the deceased's third son, the only son at present in the Colony, was the chief mourner.

The Rev. C. Clouston Perri conducted the burial service at the graveside.

The procession from the Monument to the Cemetery was a most impressive one, being headed by the Pipes and Drums of the H.K.V.D.C., and a firing party under the command of Lieut. T. W. Hill. The other mourners followed behind the hearse.

With the pipes playing the dirge "Lord Lovatt's Lament" and the firing party walking with arms reversed, the procession slowly made its way to the Cemetery gates where the coffin, which was draped with the Union Jack, was borne to the graveside by six men of the Scottish Company.

After the coffin had been lowered into the grave, the usual three volleys were fired, after which a bugler of the King's Regt., sounded the "Last Post," the firing party presenting arms while.

A beautiful wreath from the President, committee and members of the St. Andrew's Society, was placed on the coffin at the graveside, along with the widow's wreath, by the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, President of the Society. Amongst those present at the graveside to pay their last tribute to the deceased were Mr. D. G. M. Bernard (Acting Chairman of the Dock Co.), Mr. R. M. Dyer (Chief Manager) Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, the whole of the European staff of the Dock, representatives of the Masonic Lodges, the St. Andrew's Society, the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, the Kowloon Cricket Club, Mr. J. Reid and Mr. R. Templeton, representing the Tai Koo Dock, and many others, including representatives of the Chinese staffs of the Kowloon and Cosmopolitan Docks.

The large collection of floral tributes included those from the Chairman and Directors of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., the Staff of the China Sugar Refining Co., East Point, the Government Marine Surveyor's Staff, the St. Andrew's Society, the Kowloon Bowling Club, the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Mr. G. M. Dodwell, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Mr. J. C. Logan, Mr. D. M. Neill, Mr. J. Reid, Mr. R. Templeton and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Duncan and family.

ATTEMPTED MURDER ALLEGED.

ACCUSED SENT FOR TRIAL.

The Chinese who is charged with the attempted murder of Wan Koh, a painting contractor, by shooting at him from behind and seriously wounding him in the back of the head, at the junction of Staunton and Aberdeen Streets, on the evening of August 27 last, was yesterday afternoon committed to the Criminal Sessions by Mr. T. W. Ainsworth.

The complainant who had had a most lucky escape from death, told the Magistrate that during the painter's strike, he had made several speeches which apparently had displeased two members of the Painters' Employers' Guild, who had previously assaulted him. He thought the shooting was the outcome of this affair, although the defendant was a stranger to him.

A Chinese barber employed at the Central Station said he saw the defendant trying to hide the pistol after the shooting. He chased the man who ran into Bridges Street where he was intercepted near the Y.M.C.A. by a Chinese detective. Defendant attempted to use the pistol but a police warden hit him on the hand. Defendant reserved his defence.

The case in which a Filipino named Riji Anzueto was charged with possession of housebreaking implements, being on the premises of the Pacific Mail S.S. Co. with intent to commit a felony, assaulting a Chinese constable with intent to resist arrest and unlawful possession of a loaded automatic pistol, was concluded at the criminal sessions before Mr. Justice Wood yesterday afternoon. The jury found the prisoner not guilty on the first two counts and guilty on the others. His Honour sentenced him to three months' imprisonment for assaulting the constable and to twelve months' imprisonment with hard labour for the unlawful possession of the revolver, the sentences to run consecutively.

OPIUM SMUGGLING.

SHIPOWNERS' RESPONSIBILITY.

Mr. R. E. Lindell yesterday heard evidence in the case in which the owners of r.s. "Koshov" were summoned by Mr. N. L. Smith, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, for having failed to take proper precautions to prevent their vessel being used for the conveyance of illicit opium.

Chief Preventive Officer Clark, acting on information received, searched the engine-room, and on removing the cap from an air pump, found 84 tads of raw opium worth \$163, concealed in the pump. The cap was not screwed down tight, appearing to have been removed recently and put back in haste.

Replying to Mr. M. K. Lo, for the defence, the witness said the opium could not have been kept in the pump while the ship was under weigh, as the heat from the engines would have melted it, and that would have disabled the vessel.

Mr. Lo submitted that he had no case to answer. There must be some limit to the construction of the act. Supposing the steamer had been lying in dock for eight months, and whilst in dock opium was found on board; was it fair to say that the vessel had been used for the conveyance of opium? The answer was obviously "No."

Mr. Lindell: It all depends on the circumstances in which it was found.

Mr. Lo: The circumstances of the case should be proved to show that the steamer was actually used for the conveyance of opium.

Continuing, Mr. Lo said that it was admitted by the Chief Revenue Officer that the opium could not have been in the air pump when the steamer arrived, because the heat of the engines would have been sufficient to have melted it. C.R.O. Clarke also said that with the pieces of wood in the cavity the steamer would not have been able to proceed. He submitted that the fair inference to draw was that when the steamer arrived in Hongkong there was no opium on board. The steamer arrived on the previous night and any person leaving the opium on board all night when there was ample opportunity of getting it ashore was nothing more than a lunatic. It was quite obvious that the opium did not come down by the steamer. The only suggestion of unlawful usage of the steamer was for the purpose of exportation. He thought C.R.O. Clarke was a little premature. Before the steamer actually left the port the usual precaution—a search for opium—would have been taken.

What was the use of searching the vessel at 10.30 a.m. if she was not due to leave until 5 p.m.? What could the Captain and the Chief Engineer do? It was only fair to assume that the Chief Engineer would have gone round the engine-room prior to departure to see that everything was all right. They could not do a suit and stay down in the engine-room the whole of the time the vessel was in port.

Mr. Smith: I think it is only fair that we should declare whether we mean "in or out of the Colony." I am personally standing by the charge of importing into the Colony.

The Magistrate: You are prepared to say that the evidence is sufficient to show that the opium was brought into the Colony.

Mr. Smith: Yes, if that is not so, my case fails. As regards the time that elapsed between the arrival of the vessel and the search I do not think we must tie ourselves to when we search a ship. Very often we get information five or six hours after the vessel's arrival. I think this case is complicated.

The Magistrate: I think there is an element of doubt about it. The defendants should have the benefit of the doubt. The case is dismissed.

His Worship gave instructions for the opium to be confiscated.

"THE GIRL IN THE TAXI."

SCREEN VERSION AT THE CORONET.

An opportunity is presented at the Coronet to-day of seeing a capital screen version of the famous musical comedy success "The Girl in the Taxi." Mr. and Mrs. Carter de Haven, take the principal parts and the abundant humour of the piece is deftly handled by them and their very well chosen casts. The story is based upon the misconceptions John Stewart has as to the true characteristics of his son Bertie, who is not by any means the mummy-coddle that his father takes him for. This is made clear when he pawns his father's best clothes and then in a taxi-cab where he takes refuge from his outraged parents, he meets the bewitching being who gives the piece its title. The financial situation that crops up all through the play acts with cleverness and vivacity and in many respects the screen version is reckoned to excel the stage presentation.

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

OPIUM TRAFFIC EVIL.

ASSEMBLY ADOPTS REPORT.

GENEVA, September 19. The Assembly of the League resumed discussion of opium. The Chinese delegate declared that his government was strictly conforming to the Hague convention, but had to contend with the contraband traffic in narcotics because neighbouring states favoured production and traffic in opium.

The Indian delegate made a speech describing the sacrifices that suppression of poppy growing would entail for India.

Sir Arthur Steel Maitland (New Zealand) declared in favour of co-operation of the governments. He asserted that consumption of morphine and cocaine ought also to be restricted. Colonel John Ward (Britain) declared that the British authorities had always tried to prevent abuses.

The Assembly unanimously adopted the report of the Opium Commission cabled on September 18 urging all governments to adopt the import and export certificate system without delay.

HOME COTTON INDUSTRY.

SHORT TIME VOTE RESULT.

LONDON, September 19. A ballot of Lancashire firms spinning American cotton resulted in 75 per cent voting in favour of short time, 16 per cent against, and the remainder neutral.

Communication has been opened with the neutrals and if 4½ per cent of them agree to short time curtailment of production will be compulsory on members of the federated firms. About 90,000 operatives are affected.

HOLLAND'S PARLIAMENT.

REFORM MEASURES OUTLINED.

THE HAGUE, September 19. Mr. Beerenbrouck, opening the States General, said that measures for revision of the constitution must first be considered. Rigorous restriction of expenditure was essential. The department of agriculture would be amalgamated with that of public works. Revision of the labour contract law was contemplated and the electoral law would be amended with a view to introducing proportional representation in the First Chamber. Measures would be introduced to amend the administration of colonies and modify the fiscal regime.

LIQUOR RUNNERS DISILLUSIONED.

COURT'S 3 MILE LIMIT DECISION.

BOSTON, September 19. The Federal Court sustaining the seizure of the British schooner "Grace and Ruby" six miles off shore in March, held that rum runners were not immune from seizure merely because they were beyond the 3-mile limit.

DANISH BANK'S AFFAIRS.

GOVERNMENT MEASURES.

COPENHAGEN, September 19. The Minister of Commerce introduced a bill authorizing the Government to subscribe 40,000 kroner towards preference shares in the Landmanns Bank. The Minister of Justice introduced a bill to appoint a commission to inquire into the bank's affairs.

AMERICA'S SOLDIERS.

BONUS BILL VETOED.

WASHINGTON, September 19. President Harding has vetoed the soldiers' bonus bill on the ground that it failed to provide means of paying the bonus.

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HEAVY WEATHER.

AND HIGH WATER.

The heavy weather that is being experienced on the coast is making itself felt in the harbor and also in some of the low lying parts of the new Territories. An unusually high tide and a fairly strong North wind combined to produce choppy little waves inside Lye Mun, while outside, according to reports from Gap Rock, a full gale is raging and high seas are running. Along the Praya East the water rose to within a foot or two of the edge of the sea wall and rushed up Bowington Canal, nearly filling it to the top. The reclamation scheme appears to have been interfered with seriously. The track along which tracks of earth are run through Bowington Canal to the little peninsula that is being built out from the Praya Wall is submerged and a score or so of trucks are marooned. The water this morning was lapping away hungrily around the edge of this peninsula and the sea for quite a distance was discoloured by the earth that was being washed away. The foundations of several of the mounds that have been erected in connection with the work appeared also to be in danger.

New Territory residents who passed through Sha Tin this morning state that the water was washing over the road at several points between Mr. Ho Wing's house and the railway station. As it receded, the water was carrying away the loose stones and earth, leaving only the gravel, and it was thought if this process continued for long it would make the road highly uncomfortable for motorists. At several points small fish had been washed up on to the roadway and were lying about in the puddles.

MURDER MYSTERY.

SANITARY COOLIE FOREMAN SHOT DEAD.

A coolie foreman employed by the Sanitary Board, named To Yuen, was murdered under mysterious circumstances in Bowington Road last night. He was on his way to his home in McGregor Street, when a shot came from the gloom on his left hand side, a little in front of him. The bullet went clear through his heart. He collapsed and died almost immediately.

A detective who was in the immediate vicinity of the shooting, arrived on the scene less than half a minute later, but although he searched every likely spot in the vicinity he could find no trace of the mysterious murderer.

The villagers at Sha Tin say that they have never seen the water so high since the 1906 typhoon. They are greatly concerned about the effect of it upon this year's rice crop as many of the paddyfields between the road and the railway line have been inundated with salt water.

The No. 1 typhoon signal which had been shown since Sunday was taken down this morning at seven o'clock and replaced by the No. 2 signal which indicates that a gale is expected from the North. Both of the typhoon shelters are crowded. A typhoon warning received from Manila at 2:50 p.m. stated: Cyclone or typhoon over N. China Sea moving W.N.W.

CHINA COAST.

LATEST SHIPPING CHANGES.

Mr. F. Gibbs, chief officer, "Ngankin," has gone chief officer, "Luanyi."

Mr. F. H. Tander, second officer, "Woonung," has gone second officer, "Changsha."

Mr. H. Stephen, second officer, "Soochow," is on reserve.

Mr. P. L. Green, second officer, "Taming," has gone second officer, "Fatahan."

Mr. L. St. J. Mumby, second officer, "Fatahan," has gone second officer, "Taming."

Mr. A. Glendinning, chief officer, "Linnan," is on reserve. Mr. E. L. Hurley, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Linnan."

Mr. R. Kettlewell, chief officer, "Fochow," is on reserve.

Mr. O. W. Williams, second officer, "Linnan," has gone acting chief officer, "Fochow."

Mr. C. C. Russell, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Linnan."

Mr. J. E. Porter from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Tuckwo."

Mr. J. R. Harvey, acting chief officer, "Tuckwo," has gone second officer, same ship.

Mr. F. S. Hollingshead, acting second officer, "Tuckwo," has gone second officer, same ship.

Mr. J. P. Sparling, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Kungwo."

Mr. A. Franklin has been appointed second officer, "Luenho."

Mr. H. A. Houshen, chief officer, "Mausang," is on reserve. Mr. M. Costello, acting master, "Mausang," has gone chief officer, same ship.

Captain P. R. C. Cumming, of the "Loongang," has gone master, "Mausang."

Captain P. Jovitt, of the "Ming-sang," has gone master, "Loongang."

Captain D. W. Ritchie, from reserve, has gone master, "Ming-sang."

Mr. W. W. Hipkin, supply second officer, "Ming-sang," is on reserve.

Mr. J. W. Fisher, third engineer, "Fusang," is on reserve.

Mr. W. P. McAllan, second officer, "Wo-ang," has gone second officer, "Koon-sing."

Mr. L. P. Ellis, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Taksang."

Mr. F. F. Clark, second engineer, "Taksang," is on reserve.

Mr. D. N. Verment supply second officer, "Kwangping," has signed off.

Mr. P. Wilson, acting second officer, "Kwangping," has gone supply second officer, same ship.

Mr. J. W. Doyle, from leave, has gone second officer, "Kwangping."

OPIUM ON OIL TANKER.

ORIENTALS WHO STOLE SHIP'S LINEN.

A Chinese steward named Chi Chong, who is employed on the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co.'s oil tanker "Marinella," was charged at Liverpool Police Court, with being an undue person in possession of 5 lb. 14 oz. of raw opium, and further with having stolen about £12 worth of linen and other goods belonging to the company. There was also a charge under the Dangerous Drugs Act the Customs authorities withdrew their charge.

Chong pleaded guilty to being in possession of half the quantity of opium, namely three packets but denied that he knew anything of a further lot which a preventive officer said he dropped on the deck when he saw witness coming along. The facts in the case which he admitted were that after the officers of the Customs had made their search of the ship's officers quarters, and when the second officer was at breakfast, prisoner, who was officers' steward, went into his room, using a pass key. When the occupant returned he found Chong in the act of secreting some opium among his belongings at the bottom of a drawer under his bunk. The Stipendiary:—If it had been left there it might never have been discovered, for your room had already been examined by the Customs? Witness:—I do not know, but if it had been discovered I would have been the one who would have got into trouble.

During the search of prisoner's room there was brought to light a ball of linen and other goods belonging to the shipping company, and for these prisoner accounted by saying that they had been left aboard by two men who had deserted at Tampico. He was sentenced to three months' imprisonment on each charge, and recommended on both charges for deportation.

Another Chinese seaman from the same vessel was found guilty of stealing certain articles belonging to the company, and being in unlawful possession of opium, and on both he was sent to prison for a month and recommended for deportation.

SNATCHER ESCAPES.

STREET ROUGHS ATTACK PEDESTRIAN.

POLICE COMPOUND INCIDENT.

How a snatcher was aided to escape after robbing a man in Bonham Strand East, yesterday afternoon, was related to Mr. T. W. Ainsworth this morning when two Chinese were charged with assault or in the alternative, assault with intent to rob.

A Chinese restaurant keeper from Canada had \$8 picked from his pocket by a youth whom he immediately grabbed. He snatched the money back and a struggle followed, and a number of roughs suddenly appear and proceeded to assault the complainant. A Chinese detective who went to the man's assistance arrested the two defendants, whom he alleged he saw striking the complainant. The snatcher got away.

The Magistrate said he thought the detective would have some difficulty in a big crowd to see who actually struck the complainant. He could not convict on uncorroborated evidence, therefore the defendants must be discharged.

One of the men was allowed to depart, but the other was followed out of court by a Chinese detective. Evidently seeing arrest and possible deportation the man made a bolt for freedom. However, escape was hopeless from the Central Station compound. Da-hing wildly into a blind lane behind the police quarters, he was cornered and marched away to the detective office.

STRANGE SUICIDE.

PRISONER HANGS HIMSELF WITH TROUSERS.

WAITING FOR DEATH.

Remanded by Magistrate Lindell yesterday morning on a charge of stealing a ladder from the Kowloon Theatre a prisoner with a previous conviction against him, committed suicide at 4 p.m., by hanging himself in the detention cell at the Water Police Station, Tsimshatsai. Standing on an upturned bucket, the man tied the legs of his trousers to the bars of his ventilator above the cell door, and then placing his neck in the loop kicked the bucket away. He hung two feet from the ground within easy reach of the cell door until he died.

A Chinese constable had passed the cell only a few minutes previous to the finding of the body. The prisoner was then quite all right.

The man's neck was not broken, and there was no strangulation mark around it except a very faint bruise extending from ear to ear across the front of the throat. Easily able to free himself had he wished, the man must have possessed very strong will power to have hung on for a slow death. Indeed, the whole circumstances suggest the idea that the suicide was a case of auto-suggestion.

M.B.K. VESSEL DISABLED.

Last night the "Kiso Maru," chartered by the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha to carry ore from Christmas Island to Yokohama, sent out an "S. O. S." from a position about 200 miles South-east of Saigon. Her propeller shaft had been broken and she was drifting. Another M.B.K. boat, the "Atsuta Maru," picked up the signal and went to her assistance. The "Atsuta Maru" has now wired that she is assisting the disabled vessel which, it is thought, she will most probably tow to Singapore.

LAWN TENNIS.

GARRISON CHALLENGE CUP.

Competition for the above cup takes place on October 2, 3 and 4. The semi-finals and finals will be played on Wednesday, October 4. Play will commence on the first two days at 2:30 p.m. and on the third day the semi-finals will be played at 3 p.m. and the finals at 4:15 p.m.

The Canton authorities have decided to make the Shikou Road 4,000 feet long. They have also decided to bring on the work owing to its importance to Sham-n.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

PEAK HOSPITAL.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as from the 30th instant the interest and responsibility of the undersigned in the above concern will cease. All accounts due to and owing by the Hospital at that date should be referred to the undersigned for settlement.

By Order,
PEAK HOSPITAL CO., LTD.,
per O. MARRIOTT,
Secretary.
Hongkong, September 19, 1922.

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By Order,
D. K. BLAIR,
Secretary & Treasurer,
PEAK HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.
Hongkong, September 19, 1922.

LOST.

LOST—Young Fox Terrier Bitch all white, except right eye. Answers to the name of Spot. Reward offered. Mr. McCubbin, Gas Works.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the lotting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 25th day of September, 1922, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, of one lot of CROWN LAND at Victoria Road in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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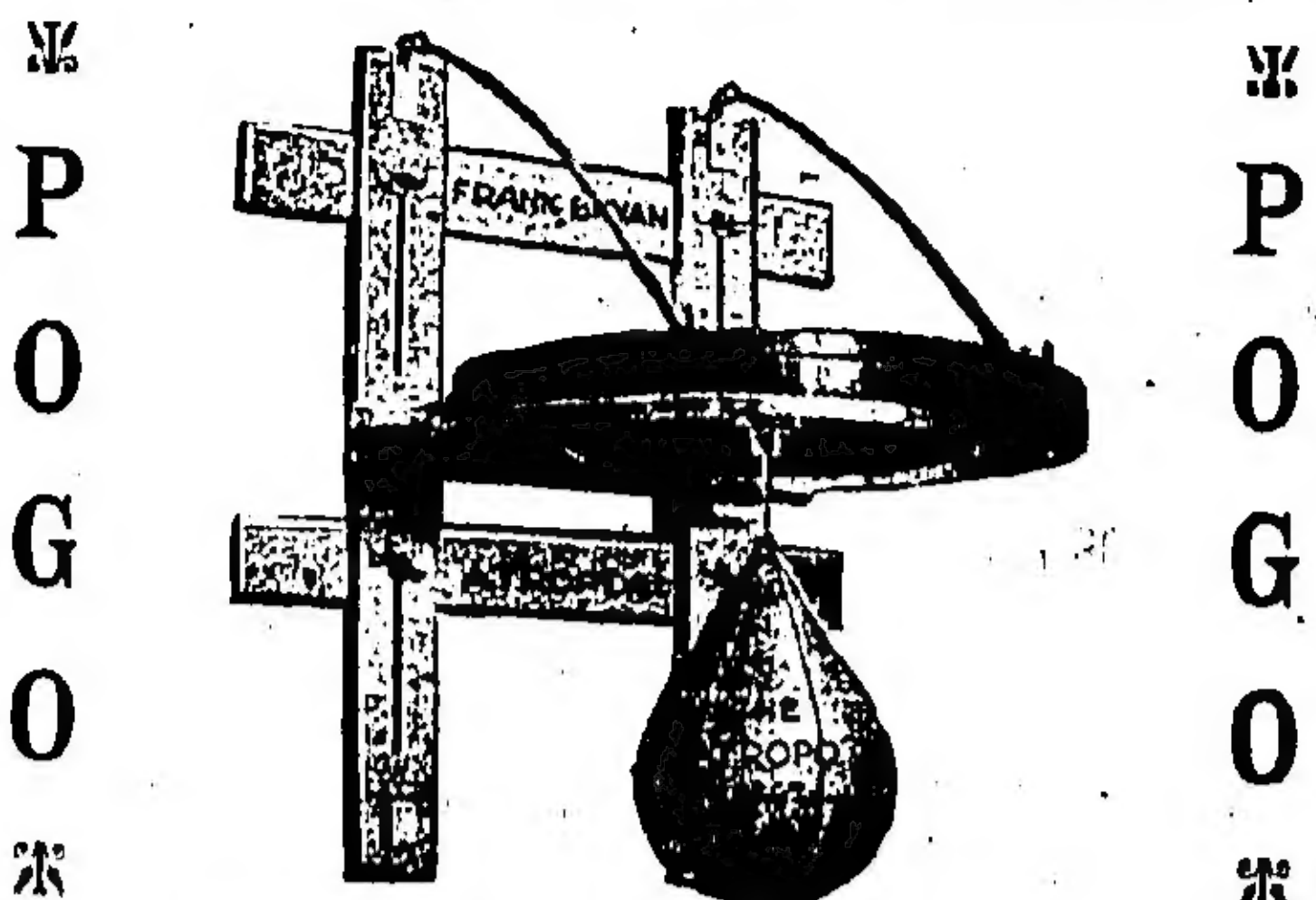
ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the China Mail are charged for at the rate of \$1 each (as announced in May and June of last year) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

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VALUE OF EXCITEMENT.

CIVILIZED MAN'S NEED OF A MENTAL STIMULUS.

We are often told that, instead of watching football cricket, boxing a horse race, or boat-race, we should all of us play some game, says a writer in a Home contemporary. It is commonly assumed that a large "game" witnessing one or other of our popular forms of sport points to national decadence, if not degeneracy.

But excitement to civilized peoples is both natural and necessary; while excitement caused by sport whether in the player or in the spectator, is healthy and beneficial—a view which is supported by eminent physiologists, and psychologists.

THE LOVE OF PLAY.

Among the higher animals the love of excitement is abundantly manifest, most noticeably, perhaps, in the horse and dog. Beyond doubt a racehorse thoroughly enjoys the excitement of the race. A healthy dog seeks all kinds of excitements to perform wild antics. The sense of play—and play means excitement one finds even among elderly lions in captivity. Almost all animals possess the sense of play; while most birds, from the tiny golden crested wren to the sea-faring albatross, have their playful interludes.

It is the lack of excitement in remote and more or less desolate parts of the country that causes the intelligent worker to seek employment in town or city. It is the need of excitement that creates the world traveller the best type of adventurer, the best type of sailor and soldier. Largely his craving acts as the mind-engine of the explorer—at these whose life-mission is to discover unknown regions, terrestrial, or even celestial. May it not also go far to explain the politician, the big financier, and—the millionaire?

BARBAROUS "SPORT."

Lack of facility for legitimate excitement a generation back was productive of the most barbarous forms of "sport." Especially in bleak and bare North Country districts, before the day of popular football, cricket, and coursing, and long before the cinema was dominant of prize fights (bare knuckle), cock fight, dog fight, and rat hunt formed regular pastime of a Sunday—for the toilers and millers had no other day for recreation. Legitimate forms of excitement killed all that—for where nowadays, is to be found the minor or cotton operative who would prefer a cock fight, or a "duel" to the death between rat and ferret, say, to his Saturday afternoon's football match?

MR. J. P. MORGAN'S CHEQUE.

NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR CUSTOMS MEN!

The signature of Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, who has signed a cheque for £15,000,000 and whose life is insured for £250,000, is not good enough for Italian Customs officials. Although it is understood that Mr. Morgan is worth a few millions, he was turned back at the Italian frontier when he was motoring from Innsbruck in the Tyrol through the Brenner Pass.

Duty must be deposited on all motorcars entering Italy. Mr. Morgan had no money, but he offered a cheque drawn on one of his own banks. The Italian Customs men just waved it aside, and Mr. Morgan had to go back to Innsbruck and obtain some cash before he could get into Italy.

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ODDS AND ENDS.

MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.

Buying An Island.

Little Tobago, the island near Trinidad and Tobago owned by the late Sir William Ingram, is up for sale at the price of £2,000 which seems reasonable for an island inhabited by hundreds (sic) of birds of paradise. Landy, which is bigger than Little Tobago but by no means so picturesque, fetched £25,000 many years ago, and Mr. Compton Mackenzie had to pay about £5,000 for his little bit of land. The biggest bargain in the way of islands, however, was made by M. Gaston Mier, the multi-millionaire, who in 1895 secured Anticosti, at the mouth of the St. Lawrence, for £25,000. Anticosti is 122 miles long by 30 miles wide, and covers an area of 2,600 square miles.

A Big Salvage Job.

The Germans have on hand a very stiff problem in the effort to raise the 12,000-ton steamer "Aurea," which capsized in the Elbe in June last. The greater part of the salvage material has had to be manufactured especially for the job. Eleven groups of piles numbering about 120 in all have been sunk on the quayside, and on these twenty-two powerful steam winches are to be mounted, the steam being generated on board tugs in the docks and conducted to the winches by Manne-sman pipes. Eight powerful floating winches will augment the power supplied by the mounted winches. At the same time the great floating crane of the Vulkan Shipyard will be brought to bear on the port side.

Trapped Only in a Bathing Suit.

Those motorists who, clad only in a bathing suit, step out of their cars into a coupé and drive down to the beach, should take warning by the mishap which befell a visitor at a fashionable French seaside resort recently, points out "Contact" in *The Motor*. Going down to the beach in this way the engine of the visitor's car stopped in the busiest thoroughfare of the town, and he had no alternative but to stand as he was, a conspicuous and very foolish-looking individual, to get out and investigate the trouble, which proved to be one that took him an hour to put right. At the end of that time his colour scheme was beyond description—a vivid blue bathing suit, a white Panama with a yellow band, plus countless marks of oil, grease and dirt, and what may have been deep sunburn or a permanent blush. One has only to realize how a French crowd thoroughly appreciates such an incident, and see the humour of it, to imagine its discomforting nature.

Kruger's Millions.

It is good to see a nice big nail driven well home into the coffin of the wonderful stories of Kruger's Millions that have sent scores of people wasting their money in attempts to solve the riddle of "Dorothea Gerard," wrecked off St. Lucia Bay, for the bulletin that she certainly does not contain. A South African paper has given the full story as told by one of the men who guarded the treasure as it arrived in Portuguese territory, and there is no doubt that such of it as was not required to meet claims on the spot against the Transvaal and Orange Free State Government was added to a German firm and transported to Europe by the very reasonable but unromantic means of the mail steamer. There was not such a tremendous lot of it anyhow, although certainly enough to be worth looking for if there really were the least chance of its ever having been in the wreck of the "Dorothea Gerard." However there is not, and this fact may well be remembered by anybody who is approached by enthusiasts or others with beautiful schemes for financing a search for it.

Our Most Dangerous Trade Into

The loss of the "Raleigh" on the Labrador side of the Belle Isle Straits reminds one that the mouth of the St. Lawrence is still one of the most dangerous channels in the world and the New York ticket office that the first stop is in steamships of the great lines trading to Canada is entirely due to the careful navigation of their officers and the wonderful local knowledge which they have attained. Never there was need of one of the newly devised guiding cables it is along the channel in the St. Lawrence, but although it is well supplied with wireless directional stations no effort has yet been made to provide an under-water cable, possibly because of the great cost owing to its length. Not only are fogs and ice to be expected here for a large proportion of the year, but the currents are all over the place and constitute a grave danger, while abreast of Anticosti there is a stretch of the river where the ship's compass is rather more than likely to be thrown out, presumably owing to the big fields of ore in the neighbourhood. Certainly the cost would be very high but at the same time one cannot help thinking that a leader cable would be well worth while and one hopes to see it laid before very long.

GENERAL ITEMS.

Egypt is having the hottest and dampest summer for 20 years.

A man of 80, who is deaf and dumb, has flown from London to Paris.

Aldershot Education Committee has, at a cost of £13 yearly, insured all the children against accidents during school hours.

Surgey's intangible value, which is now £6,035 803, will be reduced next year by £100,000, due mainly to the lower assessment of the railways.

It is reported that a vein of gold has been discovered in South Africa extending from the border of Bechuanaland almost to the West Rand.

Members of the House of Commons and the staff are to have the use next session of a miniature rifle range in the basement of the House of Commons.

The Frenchman Pomille, who left Cap Griz Nez to swim the Channel at 8 a.m. abandoned the attempt at noon, seven miles from Calais, through cramp.

Total receipts from all sources in aid of the Hospitals of London Combined Appeal now exceed £305,000 towards the £500,000 wanted by the end of the year.

For concealing 7lb. of cigars, Wilfred Francis Goose, 31, an engineer, who has just come from India, was at Westminster ordered to pay £22, the double duty.

The train service on the Siberian Railway may be suspended this winter as up to the present not one cubic foot of wood—the locomotive fuel—has been stored.

Three sealed letters addressed to people in Wales were in the room of Wilfred Price, 38, dentist, who was found shot dead at his lodgings at Castle Hill, Reading, Berkshire.

A man entered a jeweller's shop in Old Bond Street, W., smashed a show-case window, and ran away with imitation pearls worth, it is stated, between £200 and £300.

Two hundred Chinese were arrested at Amsterdam on board a steamer shortly to leave for Hongkong as part of a campaign to stamp out opium smuggling and fighting in the Chinese quarter.

To mark the opening of a steamship service between London and Alkmaar, North Holland, a choice Alkmaar cheese is being sent by the burgomaster to the Lord Mayor (Sir John Baddley).

A woman whose husband had been fined 20s. for assaulting her, told the Marylebone magistrate that her husband had declared that he would make her pay the fine by keeping her without money.

During the past year 7,000 assisted emigrants went to New Zealand from the United Kingdom, 99 per cent. of the nominators carrying out their obligations, it is announced in Wellington, N.Z.

Known for more than half a century to the printers and tied workers of Fleet-street for its "bœuf à la mode and porter," "Wilkinson's," an old-fashioned restaurant in Salisbury-court, has closed.

Diving, fully dressed, into the River Uik at Newport, Monmouthshire, Albert Watkins, 30, a cripple, swam to a boy who had fallen from a boat, put him across his shoulders and brought him to the bank.

For having kept a betting house which was visited three days by 48 men, 41 women, 27 boys, and 22 girls, and where slips relating to 3,394 bets were found, James Turnbull, of Birtley, Durham, was fined £15.

The Government of New South Wales has agreed in principle to the immigration scheme under which the Commonwealth and New South Wales and Great Britain each pay one-third of the cost of taking out land settlers.

Twenty times mentioned in despatches during the war, decorated with the Legion of Honour the Military Medal, and the Croix de Guerre, a French ex-soldier named Quenen works daily mending Paris streets.

Released on parole for one day from Cardiff prison to attend the funeral of his wife at Riva, near Newport, Thomas May, a miner, serving a sentence of six months for taking part in a disturbance at a colliery, was escorted from and back to the prison by the vicar of Ynyddu, the adjoining parish.

DONKEY IN CHURCH.

PEASANT ASTONISHED AT PRIEST'S ANGER.

Great excitement has been caused at Cave, a town of 4,000 inhabitants, near Rome, for what is called an unprecedented, insult to religion. A peasant, Nazzareno Pichi, while riding an ass, entered the church of St. Stephen during Mass. The scandal was enormous.

The peasant was arrested, to his great astonishment for he declared that he was unaware of having committed any crime. He thought he could enter the church as he enters his own house together with his donkey, his faithful companion.

The parish priest applied to have the peasant condemned for violation of sacred objects, for which the Italian code prescribes heavy penalties.

The judge who examined the case decided that the sacred objects are the crucifix, relics, chalice, and so forth but not the church, and he ordered the prisoner's release.

SUBMARINE DEATHS.

TWO MEN SACRIFICED TO SAVE CREW.

The Swedish submarine N.R. 16, after, during coastal manoeuvres off Solingen, was firing at a moving target when the commander brought it to the surface to see the effect of the fire.

Three of the crew went out on deck, but as the ballast tanks were not all filled alike and the vessel could not be kept afloat, the commander had to close the hatchway and submerge his craft.

Two of the three men, one a midshipman, the son of Admiral Auersperg, were drowned. The third was rescued by a boat. Had the submarine not been submerged at once, it is said, it would have sunk and the whole crew would have perished.

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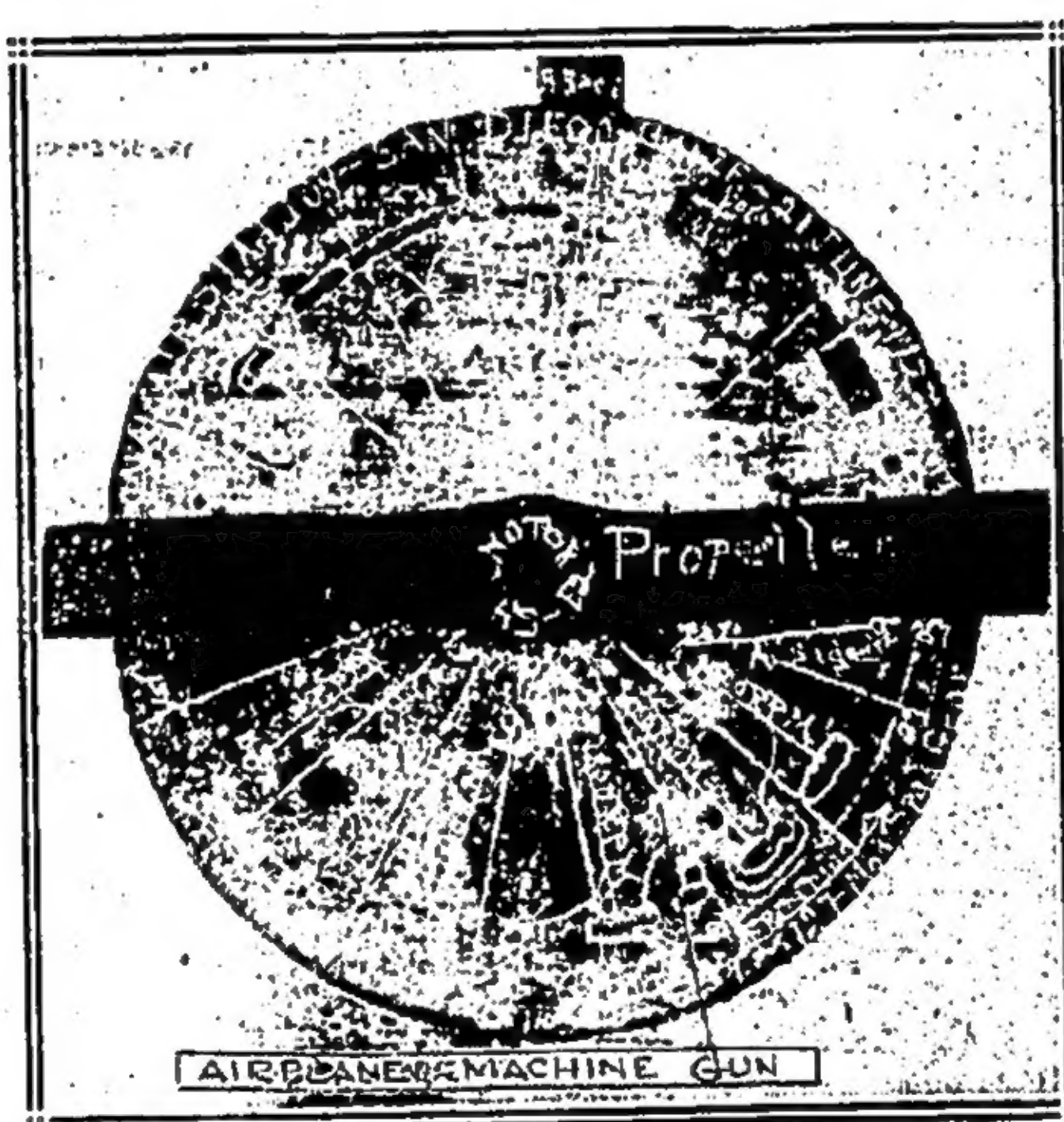
Removing the dead and wounded from the wreckage of two passenger trains which collided near Cincinnati. Five persons were killed and many injured.



Six men die for one murder. Their plot to rob a bank was overheard by a restaurant keeper who gave the alarm. One shot was fired and he fell dead. The six men were arrested and convicted.



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Georges Carpentier was playing the lead in a production being filmed in England, when during the staging of one scene, in which the heroine, riding in a coach, was swept into a river, the plans went wrong. The current proved stronger than was believed, and only quick swimming by Carpentier saved the actress's life.



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